

Provisional Vital Statistics for January 2015

Live Births decreased in January as 6,114 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,221 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for 12-month period ending with January show a slight decrease from 75,388 in 2014 to 74,997 in 2015. The provisional count for 2014 of 75,104 represents the seventh consecutive year of decreasing Missouri births.

Deaths increased sharply in January as 5,792 Missourians died compared with 5,276 in January, 2014. This increase probably reflects an influenza outbreak in early 2015. Cumulative deaths for the 12 months ending with January show an increase of 3.2 percent, from 56,777 to 58,603.

The **Natural Increase** in January was 322 (6,114 births minus 5,792 deaths). For the 12 months ending with January, the natural increase declined from 18,611 to 16,394. The provisional 2014 natural increase of 16,962 is the lowest in over 40 years.

Marriages increased in January and for the 12 months ending with January. For the 12 months ending with January, marriages increased 4.7 percent from 39,045 to 40,885.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased in January as 1,429 couples divorced compared with 1,570 one year earlier. For the 12 months ending with January, dissolutions decreased by 3.7 percent from 20,501 to 19,736. For the 12 months ending with January, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.90 to 2.07.

Infant Deaths decreased for the 12 months ending with January from 483 to 451. For the 12 months ending with January, the infant death rate decreased from 6.4 to 6.0 per 1,000 live births.

PROVISIONAL RESIDENT VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI

<u>Item</u>	<u>January</u>				<u>12 months ending with January</u>								<u>Provisional</u>	
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>			<u>Rate*</u>					<u>2014</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Live Births	6,221	6,114	12.1	11.8	75,579	75,388	74,997	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.4	75,104	12.4	
Deaths	5,276	5,792	10.2	11.2	56,519	56,777	58,603	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.7	58,142	9.6	
Natural increase	945	322	1.8	0.6	19,060	18,611	16,394	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.7	16,962	2.8	
Marriages	1,523	1,629	3.0	3.2	39,390	39,045	40,885	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.7	40,779	6.7	
Dissolutions	1,570	1,429	3.1	2.8	22,528	20,501	19,736	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.3	19,877	3.3	
Infant deaths	43	37	6.9	6.1	500	483	451	6.3	6.6	6.4	6.0	456	6.1	
Population base (in thousands)			6,044	6,064				6,011	6,026	6,046	6,066		6,064	

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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